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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6747

BILL NUMBER: SB 150

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Jan 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Tort Claims Against the State.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a person who brings a tort claim against the state to file notice with the Attorney General within 270 days after the action accrues.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could aid the Attorney General in the settlement of claims against the state in so far as it will assist in the Attorney General's timely receipt of notice of these claims. (Current law allows a claimant to file notice either with the Attorney General or the state agency involved.)

Background Information: The Office of the Attorney General reports that \$3.3 M was paid in FY 2002 as a result of tort claims submitted and tort claim lawsuits filed against the State. This amount includes tort claims paid at the time of claim submission, settlements upon the filing of lawsuits, and claims paid as a result of a court order. It also includes cases in both federal and state court.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of the Attorney General.

Local Agencies Affected:

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